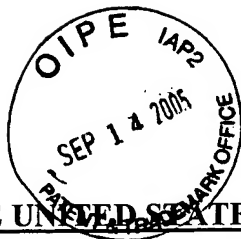


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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 10, 2005, please consider the following Preliminary Amendment and remarks.